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AMENDMENTSTOTHE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly replace paragraph [0012] with the following amended paragraph:

[0012] According to a further aspect of the present invention, provides a cargo securing apparatus that is molded into the floor panel as an integral part thereof. This eliminates the necessity of installing the floor panel and the cargo securing apparatus in separate steps.

Kindly replace paragraph [0013] with the following amended paragraph:

[0013] According to yet another aspect of the present invention provides for a cargo securing apparatus that reduces the cost, labor, and tooling required to install it in a vehicle.

Kindly add the following two new paragraphs after paragraph [0017]:

[0017.1] Figure 3 shows a plan view of a vehicle with a pair of retention rails of the present invention mounted with their longitudinal axis perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of said vehicle.

[0017.2] Figure 4 shows a plan view of a vehicle with a pair of retention rails of the present invention mounted with their longitudinal axis in line with the longitudinal axis of said vehicle..

Kindly add the following two new paragraphs after paragraph [0020]:

[0020.1] Referring to Figure 3 there is shown a plan view of a vehicle floor plan 30 including a steering wheel, front passenger seats and rear passenger seats and having a floor panel 10 with a pair of cargo retention rails 1 molded into said floor panel 10, the longitudinal axis of said cargo retention rails 1 orientated perpendicular to the longitudinal axis the vehicle.

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[0020.2] Finally, referring to Figure 4 there is shown a plan view of a vehicle floor plan 30 including a steering wheel, front passenger seats and rear passenger seats and further having a floor panel 10 with a pair of cargo retention rails 1 molded into said floor panel 10, the longitudinal axis of said cargo retention rails 1 orientated in line with the longitudinal axis of said vehicle.

Kindly replace paragraph [0026] with the following amended paragraph:

[0026] ~~Disclosed is a~~ A cargo securing rail system ~~that is~~ molded into a floor panel as an integral part thereof requiring no additional fastening means. The ~~disclosed~~ cargo securing rail system maintains the aesthetics of the vehicle interior it is installed in while providing for the secure retention of cargo items placed within the cargo area.